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SUBJECT: GENERAL DEBATE ON NON-USE OF FORCE:
STATEMENTS BY POLAND AND INDIA

1. GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 25
WITH STATEMENTS BY POLAND (WITEK) AND INDIA (JAIPAL).
WITEK (POLAND) FOLLOWED THE EAST EUROPEAN LINE IN
WELCOMING THE SOVIET INITIATIVE ON THIS ITEM. WITEK
CALLED FOR THE CONCLUSION OF A WORLD TREATY ON NON-USE
OF FORCE, AND HE ARGUED THAT SUCH A TREATY WOULD BE
PRACTICAL MEANS OF DEEPENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND
SECURITY, HELP TO CURB THE ARMS RACE, ENCOURAGE
DISARMAMENT, FURTHER DETENTE, AND FREE RESOURCES FOR
INCREASED ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING NATIONS. HE SAID
THAT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS ON SOVIET DRAFT TREATY
"MAY BE TIME-CONSUMING AND DIFFICULT," BUT HE MAINTAINED
THAT A START MUST BE MADE AND THAT IT WILL BE THE
COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE UP "CONCRETE
NEGOTIATIONS" ON THE TREATY TEXT AFTER THE GENERAL DEBATE.

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2. THE INDIAN REP (JAIPAL) SOUGHT TO SPEAK ON BEHALF
OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS. JAIPAL NOTED THAT THE SOVIET
UNION SAYS IT IS NECESSARY TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO
ENSURE THE NON-USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,
BUT HE SAID THAT EXACTLY WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IS CLEARLY
A MATTER OF OPINION. IN A RATHER DETACHED MANNER HE

NOTED THAT SOME STATES CRITICIZE THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY FOR NOT REFLECTING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN CHARTER, FOR NOT MENTIONING THE SECURITY COUNCIL POWERS OUTLINED IN CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER, FOR BEING AN INCOMPLETE REITERATION OF CHARTER PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD ONLY SERVE TO WEAKEN THE CHARTER, AND FOR BEING MERELY A REPETITION OF CHARTER PRINCIPLES ALREADY AMPLIFIED IN UN RESOLUTIONS. JAIPAL SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE AUTHOR OF THE DRAFT TREATY WOULD CARE TO BRING OUT A NEW DRAFT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THESE CRITICISMS. YET HE SAID THAT THE SOVIET EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL SYSTEM DESERVES ENCOURAGEMENT, AND HE SAID THAT IF SOME STATES BELIEVE THAT A TREATY ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE IS NOT THE ANSWER, PERHAPS THEY SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PUT FORWARD THEIR OWN SUGGESTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES. HE SAID THAT IT IS NOT ENOUGH MERELY TO SAY THAT A TREATY IS NOT ENOUGH OR THAT THE DRAFT TREATY TEXT IS INADEQUATE. HE BELIEVED THAT THE DRAFT TREATY PROVIDES A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR SERIOUSLY DISCUSSING AND PROMOTING AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE AND THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES.

3. JAIPAL NOTED THAT DEVELOPING NATIONS BELIEVE THAT THE RIGHT OF SELF DEFENSE IS NOT THE ONLY CASE IN WHICH THE USE OF FORCE IS PERMISSIBLE; HE NOTED THAT THE DEVELOPING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORLD FEELS JUSTIFIED IN USING FORCE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST AGGRESSION, OCCUPATION, INTERVENTION, RACISM, COLONIALISM, HEGEMONY, AND FOREIGN DOMINATION AND PRESSURE OF ALL KINDS. HE THEN NOTED THAT ONE HAD TO QUESTION THE VALUE OF UNDERMINING A DRAFT TREATY ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE IF TOO MANY EXCEPTIONS WERE INCLUDED. HE CONCLUDED HIS STATEMENT BY STRESSING THE NEED TO GET AT THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF DISPUTES.

4. GENERAL DEBATE WILL CONTINUE ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 28. YOUNG

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